



K mart Corp. closed its outlet on 1101 Missouri yesterday, thus ending the store's five-year residency, releasing 100 full-time and part-time employes and raising some questions about the health of West Memphis retail business.

Staff photo

K Mart Corp. Quits Discount Duel

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WEST MEMPHIS — Fast-food chain restaurants and national-chain discount stores seem to thrive in a town of this size (pop. 28,135) and proximity to a large metropolitan area.

The city has 11 restaurants that represent nearly every imaginable jingle, clown, king, colonel and cartoon character associated with commercialized fast food.

And until yesterday there was

the closing to improve the profitability of K mart stores nearby," the statement said.

Some customers leaving the store Friday, with close-out bargains tucked beneath their arms, thought the store simply had lost to the local Wal-Mart.

"I don't think the (local) economy is that bad. This is the worst closing we've had recently," said Alice Courtney a West Memphis resident for five years. Mrs. Courtney said she tries to do most

K mart's decision to leave West Memphis reflected a trend among large retail store chains, said Chamber of Commerce President Van Spear.

"I think they just made a busi-

ness decision that was possibly in keeping with their overall plan," Spear said. "I've noticed a lot of stores — particularly large chains — have attempted to redefine their markets."

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